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25 June 1956

TO: Chiefs, Economic Research, Geographic Research and Coordination Areas

FROM: Chief, Intelligence Information Staff, ORR

SUBJECT: Request for Targets on Communist China

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1. [REDACTED] of the IAC, whose responsibility it is to "determine those foreign information requirements of the U.S. Government which require collection [REDACTED] and prepare and maintain a current listing of those [REDACTED] targets deemed to have a priority status in terms of the over-all interests of the U.S. Government", has asked the CIA to prepare a current listing of its priority targets in Communist China.

2. In view of this, it is requested that your Area prepare a listing of its most critical targets for China, including, however, only those targets which meet criteria shown in the underlined portions of paragraph 1. above.

3. In the presentation of your targets, the location of each target with all details possible including geographic coordinates and conventional place names, should be given. Alternate spellings of place names should also be provided. Where a target is not necessarily limited as to location (See Example No. 1) or a location is not definitely known, the most probable location, any alternate location, and/or all possible locations should be indicated.

4. To demonstrate the critical nature of the targets, a statement of justification for each target is essential. In addition, it must be shown that the target has a direct relationship with "Priority National Intelligence Objectives" as expressed in DCID 4/5, 18 October 1955.

5. At this time, only targets are desired, not requirements.

6. It is requested that the preparation of these targets be given the most careful consideration and that they be submitted to this Office by 10 July 1956.

7. It is suggested that your targets be presented in the form as indicated by the following examples:

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
 Office of the Chief, Economic Research
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Project Action MemorandumProject No. 00.1121
 Date: 27 June 1956TITLE: Priority Collection Targets for ChinaREQUESTER: [REDACTED]STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM AND TERMS OF REFERENCE:

Problem: To prepare a list of priority targets in Communist China which

Terms of Reference: See memo from Chief, St/I, dated 25 June 1956. The targets selected should be presented in the format suggested by St/I and the list should be highly selective, being limited to priority targets of national intelligence significance on which information can be collected

It is expected that the total list for the ERA will not exceed 100 targets. Division contributions should be submitted in original and four copies.

RESPONSIBILITY:

		<u>Man-hours</u>	<u>Due Dates</u>	<u>Concurrence (Initials)</u>
Action Component:	St/S		10 Jul 56	<u>JL</u>
Contributing Divisions:	D/A	11	5 Jul 56	<u>RV6/RCA</u>
	D/I	100		<u>W.L.O.</u>
	D/M	40		<u>JK</u>
	D/S	20		<u>SW/LS</u>
Staff:	St/PR			<u>PNK</u>

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This project will not delay completion of currently scheduled projects. The classification of this project will be no higher than SECRET.

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